

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MINUTE REQUIRES TO BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AND MAY BE AMENDED

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2026 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK/BY VIDEO CONFERENCE

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Councillors Douglas Reid, Jim McMahon, Elaine Cowan, Iain Linton, Graham Barton, Barry Douglas, Neal Ingram, Clare Maitland, Linda Mabon and Neill Watts.

OFFICERS PARTICIPATING: Joe McLachlan, Chief Executive; David Mitchell, Depute Chief Executive; Colin Hastings, Acting Head of Finance and Chief Financial Officer; Erik Sutherland, Interim Director of Health and Social Care; Craig Young, Chief Governance Officer; Marion MacAulay, Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice Services; Iain Tough, Head of Corporate Support; David McDowall, Head of Economic Growth; Andrew Kennedy, Head of Facilities and Property Management; Blair Millar, Head of Housing and Communities; Amanda Lowe, Head of People and Culture; Gary Craig, Service Lead – Housing; Angela Graham, Strategic Lead, Property and Estates; Sandra Lavan, Partnership Co-ordinator; and Lynn Young, Democratic Services Team Leader.

APOLOGY: Councillor Drew Filson.

CHAIR: Councillor Douglas Reid, Leader of the Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. No declarations of interest were intimated by the Members participating in relation to the items of business on the Agenda at this point.

SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLANS 2024-2027: UPDATED ACTION PLANS

2. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive which presented for Members' consideration, updates to the Action Plans contained within the 2024-2027 Service Improvement Plans aligned to the Depute Chief Executive's portfolio.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the updates to the Action Plans set out in the 2024-2027 Service Improvement Plans for the following Services, which are all aligned to the Depute Chief Executive's portfolio:
 - Economic Growth
 - Facilities and Property Management
 - Housing and Communities;
- (ii) to note the current context in respect of the Economic Growth Service as described at Paragraphs 8 to 10 of the report;
- (iii) to note that the updates to the Action Plans from 2024-2027 Service Improvement Plans for the remaining Services, which are aligned to the Chief Executive's portfolio, will be presented to the next meeting of Cabinet on 2 September 2026, and

- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REQUESTS FOR COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

- 3. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Head of Facilities and Property Management which made recommendations to Cabinet regarding asset transfer requests received under the Community Asset Transfer Framework.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to approve the asset transfer requests as outlined in table 1 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CORPORATE PARENTING ACTION PLAN 2024-2027: PROGRESS REPORT

- 4. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice/Chief Social Work Officer which outlined the progress made of the East Ayrshire Corporate Parenting Action Plan (CPAP) 2024-2027. The report also provided an overview of the legislative requirements and set out the governance and reporting arrangements for this Plan.

Cabinet agreed:-

- (i) to note the content of the report and the progress made; and
- (ii) to note that a full report would be delivered to the Community Planning Partnership Board on completion of the 2024-2027 Plan alongside arrangements for the next iteration of the CPAP.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

- 8. Cabinet Resolved:- "That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 11 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

CENTRAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE MINUTES OF 19 MARCH 2026

- 9. There was submitted and noted the Minutes of Meeting held on 19 March 2026 (circulated).

The meeting terminated at 1202 hours.